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In re application: Beukema et al.

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Across a System Area Network**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.